

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1985
at 2:10 P.M., H-769, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Chairman, Mr. W. E. McLaughlin, O.C., Chancellor, Mr. M. J. Bourgault, C.M., Mr. R. Burns, Mr. J. Dinsmore, Dr. C. Draimin, Ms. S. Cappelli, Dr. T. Fancott, Mr. J. Roy Firth, Prof. R. Greenberg, Dr. H. Habib, Mr. M. Judson, Dr. P. Kenniff, Dr. M. J. Kornblatt, Prof. G. Martin, Ms. V. E. Monkman, Mr. J. J. Pepper, Dr. F. R. Whyte, Rev. A. Graham, S.J., Secretary.

Absent with apologies: Me A. Gervais, Mr. R. K. Groome, O.C., Mr. T. Hecht, Dr. M. Jérôme-Forget, Mr. Paul E. Martin, Mr. W. W. Stinson, Mr. C. I. Taylor.

Absent: Dr. J. Hill, Mr. R. Hiscox, Ms. Y. Lifshitz, Mr. L. Ian MacDonald, Mr. J. H. Smith.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

- BG-85-11-D79 - Public Affairs Election Report.
- BG-85-11-D80 - Apartheid in South Africa.
- BG-85-11-D84 - Fee for Cooperative Education.
- BG-85-11-D85 - Dean of Graduate Studies.
- BG-85-11-D86 - Design Students' Association.
- BG-85-11-D86.1 - Design Students' Association Communique.
- BG-85-11-D86.2 - Design Students' Association Address.

- 1.1 The Chairman reiterated his greetings for the season.
- 1.2 The agenda, as modified to include 7.1 and 7.2, was accepted.
- 1.3 It was agreed that paragraph 2.1 of the minutes of November 19, 1985 be changed as follows: Line 9 "... whereas negotiated research does not." will read "... whereas grant fund research does not ..." and that paragraph 7.1 the "federal government Manpower Centre" will read "Canada Manpower Centre".

It was moved and seconded (Bourgault, Pepper) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R85-170 *THAT the minutes of November 19, 1985, as amended, be approved.*

2. Fee for Cooperative Education

Dr. Whyte commented on BG-85-11-D84 and explained the reasons for the establishment of an administrative fee to be charged students of the Centre for Cooperative Education. Dr. Trudel, Director of the Centre, replied to a question concerning the benefits which the students would obtain from the increased fees.

WHEREAS, an administrative fee for cooperative programmes was recommended by the Budget Cutback Task Force, and

WHEREAS, Senate has studied (May 24, 1985) the report of the College Evaluation Committee for the Institute for Cooperative Education and referred recommendations to the Vice-Rector, Academic, and

WHEREAS, an administrative fee for cooperative education students will offset the heavy administrative costs incurred by the cooperative programmes, and

WHEREAS, the following fee proposal, resulting in a maximum payment ranging from \$975 to \$1,200 per student, has received the unanimous support of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Cooperative Education.

It was moved and seconded (Whyte, Kornblatt) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R85-171 *THAT an administrative fee be levied on all fully registered Cooperative Education students. This fee, to be charged for each of a student's 10 terms except for the first term and the last term, will be calculated as follows:*

Beginning 1 January 1986 - \$100 per term

Beginning 1 January 1987 - \$125 per term

Beginning 1 January 1988 - \$150 per term

3. Pre-election public affairs presentation

In commenting on BG-85-11-D79, the Rector took the opportunity to express his satisfaction at the effort made by the University community, especially the students, to present Concordia's needs to the electorate in preparation for the recent Quebec elections (December 2, 1985).

4. Letter from liberal Arts College Principal

R85-172 After consideration of Dr. Shulman's letter of November 29, 1985 conveying to the Board of Governors the signatures from the Liberal Arts College supporting divestment in South Africa, *it was unanimously agreed by common consent that the matter should be referred to the Committee on Social Policy.*

5. Photograph Project

The Vice-Rector, Services reported that progress is being made in the preparation of photographs of past Chancellors, Rectors/Principals and Board Chairmen for galleries to be established on each campus. A large photograph of Mr. Robert Rae, former Principal of Sir George Williams University, was displayed for the consideration of the Board members.

6. Advisory Search Committee for Dean of Graduate Studies

It was moved and seconded (Whyte, Dinsmore) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R85-173 *THAT an Advisory Search Committee be struck for the position of Dean of Graduate Studies with the following composition:*

1. *The Vice-Rector, Academic - Chair*
2. *2 Academic Deans - recommended by the Academic Deans*
3. *2 Faculty members from the Faculty of Arts and Science - recommended by the Faculty Council*
4. *1 Faculty member from the Faculty of Commerce and Administration - recommended by the Faculty Council*
5. *1 Faculty member from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science - recommended by the Faculty Council*
6. *1 Faculty member from the Faculty of Fine Arts - Recommended by the Faculty Council*
7. *2 Graduate Students - recommended by the Graduate Students' Association*

7. Additional agenda

7.1 Resolution on Signing Authority

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Monkman) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R85-174 *THAT document BG-85-7-D46, Point 6 be amended to read as follows:*

6. a) *Signing authority hereby delegated to an administration may be additionally exercised by his or her hierarchical superiors.*
- b) *The Rector, Vice-Rectors, and officers reporting directly to a Vice-Rector may, with the approval of their hierarchical superior, delegate signing authority up to an amount determined by the Office of the Rector, to an identified budget officer or assistant.*

7.2 Appeal from the Design Students' Association

Documents BG-85-11-D86 and D86.1 had been sent to the Board by the Design Students' Association. The Chairman began by recalling that the Board of Governors had delegated to Senate final jurisdiction over academic programmes.

The Rector briefly reviewed the steps that had been taken before the new Design Art Programme had been approved by Senate at its October meeting. He noted that the material submitted to the Board for this meeting reproduced the presentation made by the Design Students' Association at the Senate meeting; Senate had given the representatives of the Design Students' Association speaking privileges during that meeting. The Board of Governors, although concerned about the design programme as presented in the Faculty of Fine Arts, is not in a good position to make a judgment about the value of the programme that has been adopted.

During the subsequent discussion, the student members of the Board of Governors stressed that no student representative had been on the original task force established to study the design programme. The students in the programme have spent a great deal of time and effort in preparing and presenting their position.

It was strongly advocated that the Board should not attempt to judge the academic needs of the design course; it might however consider the process by which the decision was reached in Senate. The design students who were present in the audience distributed new documentation, BG-85-11-D86.2.

R85-175 *After further discussion, the Board decided by unanimous consent to refer the matter to the Vice-Rector, Academic and mandated him to consult with all parties concerned and report to the Board of Governors at its January meeting.*

12. Mr. Burns asked when the Committee on Social Policy would make a report to the Board of Governors. It was decided that this Committee would be called in the New Year and report as soon as possible.
13. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 1985 at 12:00 noon, H-762, SGW Campus.
14. The meeting terminated at 2:50 p m

D. W. McNaughton,
Chairman

Aloysius Graham. S.J.,
Secretary